



PESTICIDE ESA NEWS

Washington State Department of Agriculture → Endangered Species Program Newsletter

Governor's budget expands pesticide monitoring program

Governor Gregoire announced Tuesday that her proposed 2006 Supplemental Budget includes funding to monitor pesticide residues in the tree fruit growing area of the Upper Columbia River. This industry-requested funding expands the activities of the WSDA Surface Water Monitoring Program.

The WSDA program, a multi-year monitoring effort, is currently evaluating pesticide concentrations in three other watersheds: the Lower Yakima and the Skagit (agricultural land use), and the Cedar-Sammamish (urban land use).

The Upper Columbia River study will provide additional Washington-specific data for federal assessments of a pesticide's potential risk to salmon. Sampling would begin in spring 2007.

The Governor's budget is the first budget proposal released. The House and the Senate typically provide their proposals after the February economic forecast figures are released. For more information on the WSDA Surface Water Monitoring Program, visit agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/SWM/default.htm. →

Throughout the year, Director Loveland provides the WSDA staff with updates on her activities. We'd thought we'd share her most recent message with the readers of Pesticide/ESA News.

The Corner View *By Valoria Loveland, WSDA Director*

"I'm so busy, I don't know if I'm coming or going." That seems to be the best way to describe my life these days. In October and November, I've spent more time on the road than I have in Olympia.

The week of Nov. 7, I was in Kansas City for a three-day meeting of NASDA's Rural Development and Financial Security Committee. The meeting was called to discuss the 2007 Farm Bill and trade issues. Since I was unable to attend the annual conference in September, I thought it was important that I participate in this discussion.

The timing couldn't have been better, since I had just met with Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns on Nov. 3. He was in Cheney as part of his listening tour on the Farm Bill. Johanns heard a lot about direct payments for white wheat and concerns over the Farm Bill.

The next day I was in Pasco for a meeting with the port director to talk about economic development. I also toured the Workforce Development Center in Kennewick to discuss the impact the closure of Welch's processing plant will have on the community.

Earlier that week I was in Mount Vernon speaking to the Rotary Club. In particular I wanted to recognize the ongoing efforts in Skagit County to preserve farmland. They have really been leaders on this important issue.

The end of November found me in Blaine with a tabletop exercise on avian influenza. The drill included federal, state, local and tribal officials as well as our agency counterparts in Canada.

But even though it's tough to be on the road so much, I love the opportunity to talk about the importance of agriculture and all the things this agency is doing to support it. →



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QUESTIONS?

For more information about the Endangered Species Program, visit our Web site at

agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/EndangSpecies.htm

We welcome your input. Please send your comments and questions to the WSDA Endangered Species Program at esp@agr.wa.gov

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Recovery

ESA on-line recertification course

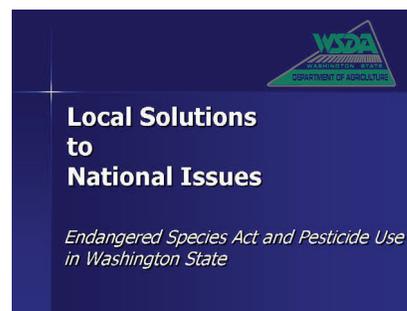
WSDA has developed an on-line recertification course titled, "Endangered Species and Washington Pesticide Use."

This computer-based training focuses on the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and how it may impact pesticide registration and use in Washington state.

This one-credit recertification course is available on the WSU Pesticide Applicator Recertification Web site at pep.wsu.edu/RecertOnline.html. The course costs \$10 and takes approximately 50 minutes to complete. It must be completed to obtain recertification credits.

The ESA course describes why WSDA developed a program to best gather data necessary to provide EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and NOAA Fisheries with state-specific data to be used in environmental risk assessments and how this program intends to protect species and retain pesticides for use in urban and agriculture areas of Washington.

General information about the WSU pesticide education programs may be found on the Internet at pep.wsu.edu. ↗



Fish Facts: It takes a village

According to Tsimshian legend, salmon were immortal humans who lived in 5 villages on the edge of the ocean's horizon.

The five villages represented the five species of salmon — Iyai (Chinook), Mesaw (sockeye), Werh (coho), Stemawn (humpback), and Qanees (chum salmon).



In early spring, the humans, disguised as fish and led by their chief, started on their journey to the creeks and rivers where they began their lives to offer themselves to the Native peoples as food.

The chief, who was always the first caught, was honored by the Native peoples as befits a leader. The Native peoples believed if the chief was not treated with courtesy and respect, the others would not ascend the river.

Native peoples believed the salmon people gave their salmon disguises as gifts to the land people in gratitude for their respectful treatment.

The fish bones were returned to the sea, so the spirits of the salmon people would return the following spring. ↗

Salmon Song of the Season

Sing along to this seasonal standard with a distinctly fishy flavor.

"Salmon Claus is Comin' to Town"
(Tune: "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town")

*He's better than trout.
He's tasty with fries.
He doesn't cause gout
And he's good for your mind.
Salmon Claus is coming to town.*



*He's good in a soup.
He's chillin' on ice.
It's holiday time, so cook him up nice.
Salmon Claus is coming to town*

*He's freshest from Pike Market,
Caught wild, fresh from the lake;
Farm-raised is bad and never good
So get wild for Salmon's sake.*

*O! Cook him up now
With a couple of beers.
He's fatty and pink, and good for New Year's.*

*Salmon Claus is coming to town.
Salmon Claus is coming to town!*

Courtesy of Kerry-ellen Canning and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. ↗